

Representative Scaccia of Boston

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill or resolve.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND FIVE

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PERSONAL THREATS

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 265 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:

Section 13M: No person shall threaten to commit a crime against the person or property of another, under circumstances that would reasonably justify apprehension on the part of an ordinary person. A police officer may arrest without a warrant, any person whom the officer witnesses, or has probable cause to believe, has violated this section.”